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SUBJ:CONCLUSION OF AOSGA INFORMAL DIALOGUES

1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY VANCE DEPARTED GRENADA AT 2 PM,
JUNE 16, FOLLOWING FINAL SESSION OF INFORMAL DIALOGUES.
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SECRETARY COMPLETED FULL SCHEDULE OF BILATERAL TALKS
DURING COURSE OF MORNING WHILE AMBASSADOR MCGEE RE-
PRESENTED USG AT CONCLUSION OF DIALOGUES. HUMAN RIGHTS
CONTINUED AS MAIN TOPIC BUT BELIZE EMERGED AS INCREASINGLY
SENSITIVE ISSUE, MOVING OFF HIDDEN AGENDA INTO COMMITTEE
DISCUSSIONS. AFTERNOON SESSION OF POLITICAL-JURIDICAL
COMMITTEE DISCUSSED EXTRADITION TREATY AND NON-AUTONOMOUS
TERRITORIES. UNDER AGENDA ITEM 19, JAMICAN AMBASSADOR
RATTRAY PROTESTED FACT BELIZE OMITTED FROM REPORT ON
NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES. BARBADOS, SURINAM,
PANAMA AND GRENADA JOINED IN. EMOTIONAL STATEMENTS

MADE ON BOTH SIDES WITH PITY (PANAMA) HOTLY IN THE
LEAD AND GUATEMALA JUST BEHIND, CHARGING COMMONWEALTH
CONSPIRACY TO PERPETUATE NEO-COLONIALISM. IN THE END,
REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN. COMMITTEE I THEN
BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 21.

2. STARTING WITH IAHRIC CHAIRMAN AGUILAR'S COMPLEMENTARY
ON ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSION. CHILE AND CUBA
REPORTS WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW MORNING, FOLLOWED
BY AGENDA ITEM 22, CHILE'S PROPOSAL FOR "MEASURES TO
STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS". ARGENTINA SUCCEEDED BY
SIZEABLE VOTE IN TYING ITEM 29, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM
TO DISCUSSION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AS RELATED
TOPIC. END SUMMARY.

3. INFORMAL DIALOGUES CONTINUED INTO EVENING OF JUNE
15 AND CONCLUDED MORNING OF JUNE 16. MOST IMPRESSIVE
SPEAKER OF LATE EVENING, AFTER REPORTING CABLE SENT,
WAS BARBADOS FOREIGN MINISTER HENRY FORDE, WHO MADE
FORCEFUL STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INDEPENDENCE
FOR BELIZE, ADMISSION OF GUYANA, RESTRUCTURING OF THE OAS,
NEW FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, END OF OPEC EXCLUSION OF
OF ECUADOR/VENEZUELA AND FAIRER TREATMENT FOR
WOMEN IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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GUATEMALA GAVE PREDICTABLE SPEECH STRESSING NEED
FOR JOINT CONSIDERATION OF TERRORISM AND HUMAN
RIGHTS, CALLING BELIZE A SENSITIVE ISSUE CONCERNING
AN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, NOT A COLONY, AND EXPRESSING
GUATEMALA'S HOPE FOR AN HONORABLE AND JUST SOLUTION.
PARAGUAY'S FOREIGN MINISTER FOLLOWED BY AFFIRMING
HIS COUNTRY'S STATUS AS A DEVELOPING BUT HIGHLY
CIVILIZED COUNTRY AND DEFENDING ITS ACTIONS TOWARD
THE IAHRIC. HE SAID GOP WAS STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER
TO ALLOW IAHRIC TO CARRY OUT AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION
AN EMERGENCY RECOURSE WHICH THEY HAD THE SOVEREIGN
RIGHT TO CONSENT TO OR REFUSE. SURINAM THEN MADE
A BRIEF STATEMENT, NOTING THAT IT HOPED THE DISCUSSION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DAMAGING
THE OAS, ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE
PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND FAVORED A NEW
CANAL TREATY WHICH WOULD SAFEGUARD THE SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS OF PANAMA. BOLIVIA CLOSED THE SESSION SPEAKING
OF ITS DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONS AMONG AMERICA NATIONS,
EXPECIALLY WITH ITS OWN NEIGHBORS, AND DESCRIBED IN
DETAIL ITS DIALOGUE WITH CHILE AND PERU REGARDING AN
OUTLET TO THE SEA. THE COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER
GAVE A STATEMENT WHICH SIGNALLED HE WAS READY TO COMPROMISE
ON CRUCIAL POINTS. WHILE HE ADVOCATED THAT ALL MEMEBERS
COOPERATE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSION MUST BE SENSITIVE TO ITS EXPLOITATION BY GROUPS SEEKING TO SLANDER HEMISPHERIC GOVERNMENTS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE COMMISSION HAS NOT BEEN CAREFUL ENOUGH IN SIFTING EVIDENCE AND TRIED TO RELY ON SECONDARY SOURCES.

5. INFORMAL DIALOGUES CONCLUDED FOLLOWING MORNING WITH PRESENTATIONS BY ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA AND GRENADA. FONMIN MONTES OFFERED PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF ARGENTINE RESOLUTION LINKING TERRORISM WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, HEAVILY STRESSING PROBLEM.
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4. COMMITTEE I (POLITICAL/JURIDICAL), BEGAN MEETING IN AFTERNOON ON LENGTHY LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS. HEATED DEBATE ERUPTED WHEN REPORT ON NON-AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES IN THE AMERICAS CAME UNDER CONSIDERATION. JAMICA, BARBADOS AND GRENADA PROTESTED OMISSION OF BELIZE FROM LIST OF TERRITORIES AND CRITICIZED SECRETARIAT'S BIAS IN PREPARING DOCUMENT. ASSISTANT SEC GEN ZELAYA CORONADA (GUATEMALAN NATIONAL) EXPLAINED THAT ONLY CERTAIN STATES ON LIST BECAUSE 1974 GA INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE ANNUAL REPORT BASED ON 1948 DOCUMENT LABELLING BELIZE AND MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS AS "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF THE AMERICAS" RATHER THAN COLONIES EN ROUTE TO INDEPENDENCE. GUATEMALA'S AMBASSADOR CASTILLO RESPONDED ANGRILY THAT MATTER WAS STRICTLY BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND OCCUPYING POWER. HE DENOUNCED CONSPIRACY OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTHY OF NATIONS TO PERPETUATE NEO-COLONIALISM IN THE AMERICAS. SECRETARIAT WAS UNDER PROPER INSTRUCTIONS TO OMIT BELIZE AND ISLAS MALVINAS BECAUSE 1948 DECISION STILL STANDS AND WOULD HAVE TO BE OVERTURNED BY MAJORITY VOTE TO ADD OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO LIST. PANAMA'S AMB PITY HARSHLY CRITICIZED GUATEMALA AND LUMPED ZALAYA AND CASTILLO TOGETHER AS PARTISANS OF BELIZEAN EXCLUSION. PITY CONGRATULATED US ON WORKING TO BRING COLONIAL OCCUPATION OF PANAMA'S SOVEREIGN TERRITORY TO AN END AND COMPARED IT UNFAVORABLY WITH GUATEMALA'S EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER A FREE PEOPLE IN BELIZE. HE RIDICULED GUATEMALA'S BRAVERY IN THREATENING ARMED ATTACK ON COUNTRY DEFENDED BY ONLY 200 POLICEMEN AND READ FROM GUATEMALAN DOCUMENT THREATENING DEATH TO ANY CITIZEN WHO CRITICIZED BELIZE TAKEOVER CAMPAIGN. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUATEMALA, PITY SAID. SURINAM SPOKE IN FAVOR OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR BELIZE BUT CALLED FOR AN END TO BITTER RECRIMINATIONS IN THE OAS. GRENADA, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, JAMICA AND BARBADOS MADE ANOTHER ROUND OF STRONG STATEMENT ATTACKING
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GUATEMALA AND CALLING FOR INCLUSION OF BELIZE IN REPORT, WHICH ULTIMATELY THEY ACCEPTED BUT PROMISED TO WORK FOR REVERSED OF 1948/DECISION ON TERRITORIAL LISTING AGENDA ITEM 20, REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONALS, ACCEPTED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DEBATE. US DEL WILL MAKE PREPARED STATEMENT WHEN ITEM COMES UP FOR FINAL APPROVAL IN PLENARY NEXT WEEK.

ITEM 21, REPORTS OF THE IAHRC, BEGAN WITH LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AGUILAR ON ITS ANNUAL REPORT. HE READ AND COMMENTED ON PARTS OF THE REPORT DEALING WITH DISAPPEARANCES, COMPLICITY OF AUTHORITIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND CONTINUING INCIDENCE OF 5945743, DEPRIVATION OF LEGAL REMEDIES AND DENIAL OF MEDICAL AID TO POLITICAL PRISONERS. ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, AGUILAR'S REPORT WAS DAMNING RECITAL OF CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON IN A NUMBER (UNSPECIFIED) OF AMERICAN STATES. SOME WERE DERELICT IN THEIR FIRST DUTY, TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF CITIZENS AND RESIDENT FOREIGNERS IN THEIR TERRITORY. BEYOND TORTURE AND MEDICAL DEPRIVATION, HE LISTED AS OTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS: OFFICIAL PRESSURE ON JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS TO IGNORE ABUSES; THREATS AGAINST DEFENSE LAWYERS IN POLITICAL CASES; DEPRIVATION OF NATIONALITY WITH ALL ITS UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES; FORCED EXILE WITHOUT LEGAL RECOURSE; REPRISALS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS; DENIAL OF PASSPORTS AND RIGHT TO EMIGRATE.

AGUILAR SAID THE COMMISSION DOES NOT OPERATE IN A VACUUM; IT KNOWS SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ON THE BRINK OF CIVIL WAR; COMMISSION MEMBERS LIVE IN THESE COUNTRIES AND KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING; THEY KNOW HOW SERIOUS THE PROBLEMS ARE BUT KNOW COMPLICITY OF AUTHORITIES IN PARAMILITARY CRIMES IN MAKING MATTERS WORSE. COMMISSION IS AWARE THAT CIVIL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS ARE IMPORTANT TOO BUT IT HAS CONCENTRATED CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCLUSIVELY ON ELEMENTARY RIGHTS OF PERSON TO LIFE AND LIBERTY. WITHOUT THESE, OTHER RIGHTS CANNOT BE SECURED. WORK OF COMMISSION HAS INCREASED TWENTY-FOLD IN LAST FIVE YEARS BUT COMMISSION HAS SAME BUDGET AND STAFF TODAY TO HANDLE 2,000 CASES AS AGAINST 200. NEW BUDGET FOR JULY 1977 SUPPLEMENTARY IS BEFORE THE OAS SECRETARIAT. IT PROVIDES FOR SEVERAL NEW POSITIONS AND WOULD ALLOW COMMISSION TO RESUME SOME OF THE EDUCATIONAL/RESEARCH WORK IT HAS BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON IN RECENT YEARS. AGUILAR ENDED AFTERNOON PRESENTATION WITH A PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF BUDGET REQUEST WHICH IS NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE FOUR OF THE AOSGA.

AGUILAR WILL CONTINUE PRESENTATION TOMORROW
MORNING OF SPECIAL REPORTS ON CHILE AND CUBA,
FOLLOWED BY GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ALL THREE IAHRC
REPORTS, CHILE'S 90 PAGE RESPONSE, CHILE'S AGENDA
ITEM 22 ("STRENGTHENING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS")
AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S ITEM 29 "INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM". WORTH NOTING THAT CHILEAN DELEGATION
ABANDONED ITS PLACE AT THE TABLE AND RETIRED TO
BACK ROWS OF HALL AS AGUILAR BEGAN TO SPEAK, A
CALCULATED INSULT OBSERVED BY ALL.

COMMENT: LIEVANO'S DRAFT IS BODY BLOW TO THE COLLECTIVE
EFFORT TO PUT TOGETHER A WORTHY HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION.
NOT ONLY DOES HIS DRAFT ASSERT THE "OBLIGATIONS OF EACH
STATE TO PROTECT AND RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NOT
BEEN DELEGATED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN OR INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO ANY ONE STATE IN PARTICULAR". (A DIRECT
SLAP AT THE 7.S.) IT ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO THE
"DEFICIENCIES AND LIMITATIONS" OF THE IAHRC. THIS CONFUSED
RESOLUTION HAS NO CHANCE OF SURVIVAL BUT IT WILL ASSIST
SOUTHERN CONE IN FOCUSING DEBATE ON SUPPOSED SHORTCOMINGS
OF IAHRC AND ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL
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AFFAIRS. FACIO'S CRITICISM OF IAHRC IS CALCULATED TO
PUT HIM FIRMLY IN THE ROLE OF LEADER AND BROKER -- A
DUBIOUS TACTIC.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES ARE SHOWING
THAT AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF FEELING ILL AT EASE AND
OUT OF PLACE IN A LATIN CLUB, THEY HAVE FINALLY
MASTERED THE BYZANTINE RULES OF THE OAS. THEY ARE NOT
MOVING WITH EASE AND CONFIDENCE. THEY ARE TALKING PRIVATELY OF
INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION STATING THAT BELIZE IS A
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY AND NOT AN OCCUPIED STATE.
INTRODUCING THE BELIZE ISSUE HAS FURTHER COMPLICATED AND INFLAMED
THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE..JAMAICA, TRINIDAD, BARBADOS
AND SURINAM, WHO ARE FLAILING A RELUCTANT ASSEMBLY ON
BELIZE ARE ALL SOLIDLY IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMP.
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UNQUOTE VANCE

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